

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tab terminal adapted to be mounted on a printed circuit board, comprising:

a plate-like tab terminal body;

an extension portion formed integrally with the tab terminal body so as to extend from one end edge of the tab terminal body in a longitudinal direction of the tab terminal body, the extension portion being adapted to be connected with an electrical connecting part;

first and second side wall portions formed integrally with the tab terminal body so as to extend from opposite side edges of the tab terminal body in a height direction of the tab terminal, respectively; and

first and second contact portions formed integrally with the first and second side wall portions so as to extend from distal end edges of the first and second side wall portions ~~in~~ substantially parallel to the tab terminal body respectively, the tab terminal being fixedly connected at the first and second contact portions to the printed circuit board.

2. (Original) The tab terminal according to claim 1, wherein said first and second contact portions extend at an angle slightly smaller than right angles with respect to said first and second side wall portions, respectively.

3. (Original) The tab terminal according to claim 1, wherein said extension portion of the tab terminal is formed so that a receptacle terminal serving as the electrical connecting part is fitted to said extension portion.

4. (Original) The tab terminal according to claim 1, wherein said first and second contact portions are soldered to solder portions of a conductor pattern formed in the printed circuit board, respectively.

5. (Original) The tab terminal according to claim 1, wherein said tab terminal body is formed with a picked-up portion to which a pickup of a mounter is accessible.

6. (Original) The tab terminal according to claim 1, wherein said first and second side wall portions have a height dimension such that a gap is formed between a surface of the printed circuit board to which the tab terminal is mounted and an adjacent surface of the electrical connecting part connected to the extension portion of the tab terminal.

7. (New) A tab terminal adapted to be mounted on a printed circuit board, comprising:

a plate tab terminal body;

an extension portion formed integrally with the tab terminal body so as to extend from one end edge of the tab terminal body in a longitudinal direction of the tab terminal body, the extension portion being adapted to be connected with an electrical connecting part;

first and second side wall portions formed integrally with the tab terminal body so as to extend from opposite side edges of the tab terminal body in a height direction of the tab terminal, respectively; and

first and second contact portions formed integrally with the first and second side wall portions so as to extend from distal end edges of the first and second side wall portions substantially parallel to the tab terminal body respectively.

8. (New) The tab terminal according to claim 7, wherein the extension portion has a width less than the width of the tab terminal body at the point the extension portion extends from the tab terminal.

9. (New) The tab terminal according to claim 7, wherein the first and second contact portions extend in a direction towards each other.

10. (New) The tab terminal according to claim 1, wherein the extension portion has a width less than the width of the tab terminal body at the point the extension portion extends from the tab terminal.

11. (New) The tab terminal according to claim 1, wherein the first and second contact portions extend in a direction towards each other.

12. (New) The tab terminal according to claim 9, wherein said first and second contact portions extend at an angle slightly smaller than right angles with respect to said first and second side wall portions, respectively.

13. (New) The tab terminal according to claim 11, wherein said first and second contact portions extend at an angle slightly smaller than right angles with respect to said first and second side wall portions, respectively.